July 11, 2018

Your Request for Access to Information under Part 2 of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Our File No.: 18 05 459

On May 10, 2018, the City of Winnipeg received your request for access to the following records:

Please provide documentation/copies of any correspondence from Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service Deputy Chief Tom Wallace that discusses the Canadian National Railway from Sunday May 6 and Wednesday May 9.

On June 8, 2018 we notified you that the 30 day period for responding to your request was extended for an additional 30 days in order to consult with a third party pursuant to s. 15(1)(c) of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA).

I am pleased to inform you that your request has been granted in part. The records on the enclosed DVD have been severed under the following provisions of FIPPA:

Disclosure harmful to a third party’s privacy
17(1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant if the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party’s privacy.

Determining unreasonable invasion of privacy
17(3) In determining under subsection (1) whether a disclosure of personal information not described in subsection (2) would unreasonably invade a third party’s privacy, the head of a public body shall consider all the relevant circumstances including, but not limited to, whether (e) the personal information has been provided, explicitly or implicitly, in confidence
(i) the disclosure would be inconsistent with the purpose for which the personal information was obtained.

Subsection 17(1) is a general mandatory exception that protects the personal information of third parties (third parties are considered to be neither yourself as the applicant or city employees in their employment responsibilities). This general clause is used in conjunction with clause 17(3)(e), which is applied to information that was provided, explicitly or implicitly, in confidence, and clause 17(3)(i), which is applied to information that was not collected with the intent of disclosing it publicly.

As required by section 7(2) of the Act, we have severed information that is excepted from disclosure and have provided you with as much information as possible.

Subsection 59(1) of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act provides that you may make a complaint to the Manitoba Ombudsman about the City’s response to your request. You have 60 days from the receipt of this letter to make a complaint on the prescribed form to:

Manitoba Ombudsman  
750 500 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R3C 3X1  
(204) 982-9130

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 204-986-8397.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

André Bérard,  
Assistant Chief of Service Quality

AB/mw  
Enclosure
Good afternoon,

Crews are currently on scene of a grassfire in the area of Ft. Gibraltar in St. Boniface. Most of the hot spots have been extinguished. Apparatus are cycling through with full tanks of water to ensure sufficient supply to ensure fire is kept under control. At the fire is on both sides of the rail line, WFPS Communications has contacted CN to suspend any rail traffic to allow crews to stretch hoselines across the track.

Will advise when incident is closed.

Tom Wallace  
Deputy Chief  
Fire Paramedic Service  
City of Winnipeg  
Phone: 204-986-2500  
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From: Wallace, Tom
To: Allard, Matt; Lane, John
Cc: Jack, Michael
Subject: RE: Brush fires
Date: Monday, May 7, 2018 10:39:00 AM

Our A/Chief of Emergency Management has a request to meet in with CN and we are waiting to hear back. Please feel free to pass my contact information to Kate if this would expedite the meeting.

Thank you.

From: Allard, Matt
Sent: Monday, May 7, 2018 10:38 AM
To: Wallace, Tom; Lane, John
Cc: Jack, Michael
Subject: Re: Brush fires

Can we advance the time for communications with the rail line? I'm in comms with Kate Fenske from CN

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City Councillor for St. Boniface
Acting Deputy Mayor
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On 2018-05-07 09:55 AM, Wallace, Tom wrote:

    Good morning Councillor Allard,

    I was on scene for many of these incidents yesterday. The train in question was halted in Oakbluff to assess for any mechanical concerns s/a a fixed brake. We spoke with CN operations staff at the scene yesterday and will be touching base later this week to discuss options s/a slowing w/o braking as they approach the city, and any other measures to mitigate this risk.

    Thank you.

From: Lane, John
Sent: Monday, May 7, 2018 9:49 AM
To: Allard, Matt
Cc: Jack, Michael; Wallace, Tom
Subject: Re: Brush fires

Hi Councillor,

Unfortunately I am out of town at the moment. I have copied your question along to Deputy Chief Tom Wallace who is currently on call. We are actively
trying to limit other sources of ignition through the fire ban.

I'm glad to hear of the positive outcome of the Gabrielle Roy Place incident.

John

From: Allard, Matt
Sent: Monday, May 7, 2018 9:22 AM
To: Lane, John
Subject: Fwd: Brush fires

Hi Chief, would you please advise? The neighbours are saying sparks for the wheels from the trains are causing these fires. Is there anything other than responding the city can do?

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: Brush fires
Date: Mon, 7 May 2018 01:58:08 +0000
From S.17(1) & 17(3)(e)
To: mattallard@winnipeg.ca <mattallard@winnipeg.ca>

Hi Matt,

I’m sure you heard there were brush fires behind Gabrielle Roy Place houses between the train tracks today. I wanted to share with you that the firefighters that attended the scene were very efficient and courteous. With the warm and dry wearing not seeming to let up I am wondering what kind of precautions CN or the city is taking to ensure no more fires occur near the train tracks. We are lucky this happened on a Sunday when folks were outside in their back yards and noticed the smoke.

Hope you had a good weekend with your family.

Merci

Sent from my iPhone
You bet. Lets leave at 1330. We will muster at my office if that works.

Hi Tom,

I was wondering if it would be possible for Karen and I to get a ride with you to the CN meeting today? We could meet you at headquarters whenever you wanted to leave.

Thanks

Lisa

Lisa Gilmour
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Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service
City of Winnipeg
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From: Wallace, Tom  
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2018 1:00 PM  
To: Driedger, David; Reshaur, Mark; Lane, John; Schmidt, Christian  
Cc: Shaw, Jason; Madden, Erin; Wiltshire, Felicia; Jack, Michael  
Subject: RE: Media Inquiry - WFPS - CTV - Fires in Winnipeg  

David,  

We meet with CN tomorrow. No meetings with CP yet. Discussions surrounding Sunday’s events and what measures may be put in place to mitigate risk.

From: Driedger, David  
Sent: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 12:33 PM  
To: Reshaur, Mark; Wallace, Tom; Lane, John; Schmidt, Christian  
Cc: Shaw, Jason; Madden, Erin; Wiltshire, Felicia; Jack, Michael  
Subject: RE: Media Inquiry - WFPS - CTV - Fires in Winnipeg  
Importance: High  

To add to this, we just received the following inquiry from CBC:  
Has the city made contact with railways about the risks of grass fires near train tracks in the city? Has the city done anything itself to try to mitigate fire risk near the train tracks? Are fire crews on high alert right now, watching for grass fires after passing trains?  

It’s my understanding that the meeting with rail officials – can you please confirm whether this is CP, CN or both? – is precisely to determine the best approach to mitigate potential wildfires. Or is WFPS currently adjusting tactics to deal with rail activity?  

Thanks,

David Driedger  
Manager, Corporate Communications  
P: 204.986.6976  
M: 204-612-8837  

From: Driedger, David  
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2018 12:08 PM  
To: Reshaur, Mark; Wallace, Tom; Lane, John; Schmidt, Christian  
Cc: Shaw, Jason; Madden, Erin; Wiltshire, Felicia; Jack, Michael  
Subject: RE: Media Inquiry - WFPS - CTV - Fires in Winnipeg
If you could provide a comparison, that would be good.

Thanks,

David Driedger
Manager, Corporate Communications
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M: 204-612-8837

From: Reshaur, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2018 12:07 PM
To: Driedger, David; Wallace, Tom; Lane, John; Schmidt, Christian
Cc: Shaw, Jason; Madden, Erin; Wiltshire, Felicia; Jack, Michael
Subject: RE: Media Inquiry - WFPS - CTV - Fires in Winnipeg

I have a previous data request that will cover this for all of 2017. I can pull 2018 to date and request the numbers from 2017 for the same time frame so we have a comparison.

Mark Reshaur
Assistant Chief
Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service
P: 204 986-2569
M: 204 794-4604

From: Driedger, David
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2018 11:57 AM
To: Wallace, Tom; Lane, John; Reshaur, Mark; Schmidt, Christian
Cc: Shaw, Jason; Madden, Erin; Wiltshire, Felicia; Jack, Michael
Subject: FW: Media Inquiry - WFPS - CTV - Fires in Winnipeg
Importance: High

Hi Tom,

Please see media inquiry below from CTV.

Proposed response:
“In 2018, Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service responded to XX [Are you able to pull up stats on wildland fires to date?] wildland fires to date. We aren’t able to breakdown how many instances are potentially related to rail activity. Please note that wildland fires are dynamic and have the potential to spread rapidly. Winds can also carry embers to different locations, creating additional hotspots. Determining causes of such fires can be challenging. With that said, we do encourage residents to report any suspicious or irresponsible behaviour by phoning 911.

WFPS will be meeting with rail company officials this week [CN & CP?] to determine ways to mitigate potential wildfires in the city. Please note, the cause of yesterday’s fire along Wilkes is undetermined [Is this accurate? We don’t necessarily need to include this sentence].

All fire fighters within the city respond to wildland fires. The City uses specialized equipment in the event of a wildland fire, including compressed air-foam wildland truck, pumper tankers for water supply, and quads to access otherwise difficult to reach locations rapidly. Crews are deployed such that there is adequate coverage throughout the city.

As dry conditions persist, all open-air fires are temporarily prohibited to mitigate the risk of dangerous fires such as grass, brush, and wildfires. The ban will be lifted when environmental conditions improve.”
If you could provide stats to date, it would be greatly appreciated (we can add that to our daily releases as well). Please let me know if there are any concerns with the proposed response, changes required for accuracy, or if it’s good to go.

On a related note, regarding Ryan Thorpe’s interview request, I would suggest sticking to similar messaging as above and what was discussed in yesterday’s scrum/interviews. With that said, what time would you be able to accommodate an interview?

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

David Driedger
Manager, Corporate Communications
P: 204.986.6976
M: 204-612-8837
From: City-MediaInquiry
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2018 10:49 AM
To: Driedger, David
Cc: Wiltshire, Felicia; Driedger, David; Finley, Michelle; Hildebrand, Jonathan; Davis, Jeremy; Dryburgh, Matt; Forlanski, Tamara; Qually, Kalen; Schmidt, Joelle
Subject: Media Inquiry - WFPS - CTV - Fires in Winnipeg

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<td>Reporter sent: Seeing on other media some numbers about there being 42 fires in the last 3 weeks. Can you confirm this number? How many of them are wildfires? How many of these are believed to be linked to rail activity? Yesterday, I asked Deputy Chief Tom Wallace if trains in the city were doing anything to mitigate risk during this dry season. He said they were continuing to come through the city. Has anything changed since yesterday? He said WFPS was meeting with CN tomorrow. What will the city be requesting? Please explain. There are CP tracks in the city as well. Any conversations happening with them? Any issues? We are also hearing there will not be rain for some time. What is the city doing to prepare to fight more fires as this dry spell continues? Any resources being added? What and how much is the prep costing?</td>
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Thanks so much for your help and look forward to your reply.
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Connect with us:  

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Thanks David,

I’m fine with this.

I just got off the phone with Kate.

Her preference is to hold a scrum after the meeting. She indicated that they weren’t able to provide a talking head yesterday, and had advised media that they would be in a better position to do so today.

**Tom** – would you be comfortable addressing members of the media following the meeting with CN in a joint scrum with Kate from CN? Kate would speak to CN operations, what they do to mitigate fire risk, procedures, etc.

I would suggest sticking to the messages you’ve shared to date on the current environmental conditions, tinder dry, etc.; Speak to the open-air fire ban; briefly touch on what was discussed at the meeting; next steps/what happens now going forward with respect to prevention/mitigation measures around rail tracks, etc.

In any case, please let me know if this works for you.

If so, Kate and I will start to direct media to the scrum following the conclusion of the meeting, shortly after 3 p.m. today.

Please advise.

Thanks,

David Driedger
Manager, Corporate Communications
P: 204.986.6976
M: 204-612-8837
Felicia,

We are working on having her attend.

Is Erin also able to attend to assist with media and developing joint messaging with CN?

_________________________
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On May 9, 2018, at 10:50 AM, Gilmour, Lisa <LGilmour@winnipeg.ca> wrote:

Hi David

Tom Wallace, Karen Beck and myself are attending

Lisa

Lisa Gilmour
Emergency Management Coordinator - City of Winnipeg

Sent from my iPhone

On May 9, 2018, at 10:31 AM, Driedger, David <ddriedger@winnipeg.ca> wrote:

Hi –

Out of curiosity, are you attending the meeting today with CN? If so, we should connect beforehand.

Thanks,
David Driedger
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City of Winnipeg

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Kate,

I'm tied up until 1130. I have included David Driedger as our Comms rep.

-----Original Message-----
From: Kate Fenske [mailto:Kate.Fenske@cn.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 10:40 AM
To: Gilmour, Lisa; Jasdeep Devgan; Wallace, Tom; Shaw, Jason
Cc: Beck, Karen
Subject: RE: Trains maybe causing fires?

Hi Tom,

Do you have a second to chat? Let me know the best number to reach you at. We're still getting several media calls as I'm sure you are. If you'd like me to touch base with a comms person, just let me know who and what number to call. Would like to chat before 11:30 if possible.

Thanks!
Kate

Kate Fenske
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Public and Government Affairs
1200-360 Main Street
Winnipeg, MB R3C 3Z3
T: 204-934-8388
C: 204-291-0050

-----Original Message-----
From: Gilmour, Lisa <LGilmour@winnipeg.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2018 2:36 PM
To: Jasdeep Devgan <Jasdeep.Devgan@cn.ca>; Wallace, Tom <twallace@winnipeg.ca>; Shaw, Jason <jasonshaw@winnipeg.ca>
Cc: Kate Fenske <Kate.Fenske@cn.ca>; Beck, Karen <KBeck@winnipeg.ca>
Subject: RE: Trains maybe causing fires?

Hi Jasdeep,

Thanks for the directions. It will be two of us from the Office of Emergency Management.

Lisa

Lisa Gilmour
Emergency Management Coordinator
Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service
City of Winnipeg
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-----Original Message-----
From: Jasdeep Devgan [mailto:Jasdeep.Devgan@cn.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 11:22 AM
To: Wallace, Tom; Shaw, Jason; Gilmour, Lisa
Cc: Kate Fenske
Subject: RE: Trains maybe causing fires?

Good morning,

For our meeting tomorrow at CN's Symington Yard, please see attached map for directions. Our main building is located just off of Lagimodiere, heading east on Maginot Street, and parking is available at the front of Building M (highlighted on map). Upon arrival, please give me a call at 431-336-3020 and I will come meet you inside the building through the main door off the parking lot.

When entering the property and the building, please be cautious as you are crossing live tracks.

Please let me know if you have any other questions. If you could also let us know how many of your colleagues will be joining in total, that would be great.

Thanks,
JD

-----Original Message-----
From: Kate Fenske
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2018 4:37 PM
To: Wallace, Tom <twallace@winnipeg.ca>; Shaw, Jason <jasonshaw@winnipeg.ca>; Gilmour, Lisa <LGilmour@winnipeg.ca>
Cc: Jasdeep Devgan <Jasdeep.Devgan@cn.ca>
Subject: RE: Trains maybe causing fires?

Great. My colleague JD will email you the details and we'll see you Wednesday at 2:00 pm. Please let us know how many will be attending with you.

Thanks,
Kate

Kate Fenske
Manager, Manitoba Public Affairs and Western Canada Media Relations, Public and Government Affairs
1200-360 Main Street
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-----Original Message-----
From: Wallace, Tom <twallace@winnipeg.ca>
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2018 3:55 PM
To: Kate Fenske <Kate.Fenske@cn.ca>; Shaw, Jason <jasonshaw@winnipeg.ca>; Gilmour, Lisa <LGilmour@winnipeg.ca>
Cc: Mike Stevenson <Mike.Stevenson@cn.ca>; Walid Abdelaal <Walid.Abdelaal@cn.ca>; Jasdeep Devgan <Jasdeep.Devgan@cn.ca>; Allard, Matt <MattAllard@winnipeg.ca>
Subject: RE: Trains maybe causing fires?

Thanks Kate,

2:00pm on Wednesday would be great. I will create the invite internally. I you would send directions and any security requirements that would be great.

See you then.

-----Original Message-----
From: Kate Fenske [mailto:Kate.Fenske@cn.ca]
Sent: Monday, May 7, 2018 3:43 PM
To: Wallace, Tom; Shaw, Jason; Gilmour, Lisa
Cc: Mike Stevenson; Walid Abdelaal; Jasdeep Devgan; Allard, Matt
Subject: RE: Trains maybe causing fires?

Hello,

Would 1:30 or 2:00 pm work on Wednesday at Symington Yard?

Thank you,
Kate

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-----Original Message-----
From: Wallace, Tom <twallace@winnipeg.ca>
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2018 12:35 PM
To: Kate Fenske <Kate.Fenske@cn.ca>; Shaw, Jason <jasonshaw@winnipeg.ca>; Gilmour, Lisa <LGilmour@winnipeg.ca>
Cc: Mike Stevenson <Mike.Stevenson@cn.ca>; Walid Abdelaal <Walid.Abdelaal@cn.ca>; Jasdeep Devgan <Jasdeep.Devgan@cn.ca>; Allard, Matt <MattAllard@winnipeg.ca>
Subject: RE: Trains maybe causing fires?

Thank you Kate,

Wednesday anytime would be good. I have included our Emergency Management staff.

-----Original Message-----
From: Kate Fenske [mailto:Kate.Fenske@cn.ca]
Sent: Monday, May 7, 2018 11:59 AM
To: Wallace, Tom
Cc: Mike Stevenson; Walid Abdelaal; Jasdeep Devgan; Allard, Matt
Subject: RE: Trains maybe causing fires?

Thanks for the introduction Matt and always good chatting with you.

Tom, CN would be happy to meet with the Emergency Management team to discuss railway operations. I can get a group together from transportation, engineering and mechanical to walk your colleagues through how our trains operate in the city and answer any questions they may have.

Would you like to come to our offices at Symington Yard? (821 Lagimodiere Blvd.)

Please provide some dates and times that would work on your end and we'll see what we can make work. Please note, I will be on vacation this Friday but my colleague Jasdeep (cc'd on this email) can coordinate in my absence if necessary.

Thank you,
Kate

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-----Original Message-----
From: Matt Allard <mattallard@winnipeg.ca>
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2018 11:23 AM
To: Kate Fenske <Kate.Fenske@cn.ca>
Cc: Wallace, Tom <twallace@winnipeg.ca>
Subject: Re: Trains maybe causing fires?

Correction, Jay Shaw is Our A/Chief of Emergency Management person but Tom is the contact.

Matt Allard
City Councillor for St. Boniface
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On 2018-05-07 10:55 AM, Matt Allard wrote:
> Hi Kate, city admin is telling me they are looking for a meeting with CN.
>  
> Tom Wallace twallace@winnipeg.ca Our A/Chief of Emergency Management
> person said it was ok for me to get you their contact info
>  
> I'm thinking of letting the public know I understand city admin is
> looking for a meeting with CN to look into this issue. My residents
> remain concerned
>  
>
Incident times for yesterday:

1451 Gabrielle Roy Pl.
1452 Forks Market Rd.
1459 Des Intrepides Pr.
1509 Shaftesbury and Sterling Lyon
1514 Kenaston BV
1515 Elmhurst /Wilkes Ave

This was a Level IV incident

Damage to fence and building materials.
No evacuations

2245 Hoka/CNR Pine Falls (Transcona Bioreserve)
No damage to structures
No evacuations
Springfield was patched in to our radio communications in the event they were required but was not operationally involved within the COW limits.

Incident Level not declared

18 operational fire apparatus
Incident command
Safety officer
and 2 paramedic units

Hi Tom,

Attached is the updated news release for your review/input.

WPS provided some information/vetted content related to their involvement which is reflected in this version.
I’m in the office at the moment, happy to talk now, or we can wait until 9 a.m. when we scheduled time.

Thanks,

David Driedger  
Manager, Corporate Communications  
City of Winnipeg  
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Mobile: 204-612-8837  
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David,

I would like to invite Erin to the meeting if she is free. Depending on how the meeting goes, I wonder if a joint press statement would be worthwhile?

-----Original Message-----
From: Driedger, David
Sent: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 8:52 AM
To: Wallace, Tom
Cc: Lane, John; Reshaur, Mark; Holowczynsky, Ihor; Wiltshire, Felicia; Shaw, Jason; Madden, Erin; Jack, Michael
Subject: Re: Wildland Fire Update

As an FYI - We received two interview requests so far. One from Canadian Press (playing catch up), and CBC wants an interview following CN meeting.

Also, as an FYI, Alex is advising media that he’ll be updating them on all wildland fire incidents.

If we can keep issuing information electronically, it would be appreciated.

I’m going to draft a release for your review - should have it by 9:30 to you for your review.

Thanks,

David Driedger
Manager, Corporate Communications
P: 204.986.6976
C: 204.612.8837

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 9, 2018, at 7:45 AM, Driedger, David <ddriedger@winnipeg.ca> wrote:
> 
> Hi Tom,
> 
> Wondering if you have an update on any brush/grass fires that may have occurred yesterday or overnight? If we did respond, can you please provide details, and are we able to update the stats to date?
> 
> If possible, I’d like to put out another release today to share information. Also, given the forecasted strong winds today, would be good to get another reminder out advising folks not to burn.
> 
> Lastly, we’re bound to get inquiries about today’s meeting with CN (we just received one from CBC) - I’d like to expand on this response:
> 
> “Today, Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service officials met with CN to discuss issues surrounding Sunday’s events, and to determine possible measures that may be put in place to mitigate risk.”
> 
> ...with whatever additional information you can provide following the meeting (whether next steps, satisfied that they have proper procedures, still looking into cause of the fires along Wilkes, etc.).
> 
>
> For my information, what time is that meeting scheduled to take place?
> 
> Depending on timing, Ihor has an interview scheduled at 1:30 with CBC to discuss how crews respond to wildfires, challenges, etc. We may need to rework a statement for his use in the event the topic of the meeting/trains comes up.
> 
> If you have any questions, please let me know.
> 
> Thanks,
> 
> David Driedger
> Manager, Corporate Communications
> P: 204.986.6976
> C: 204.612.8837
> 
> Sent from my iPhone
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Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2018 9:38 AM
To: Driedger, David
Cc: Lane, John; Reshaur, Mark; Holowczynsky, Ihor; Wiltshire, Felicia; Shaw, Jason; Madden, Erin
Subject: RE: Wildland Fire Update

One point of discussion from this morning,

The industry term for these incidents if "Wildland Urban Interface Fires (WUI). I wonder if we could utilize this term, or if this is too cumbersome, utilize "grass fires" instead of "wildland" fires?

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See attached...

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Attached please find a draft news release, including a draft quote. Please review to ensure accuracy (I believe the Waverley Street fire was on Tuesday?), and if you could update the stats on fires to date, compared to the same period last year, it would be greatly appreciated. Let me know if any additional changes are required, or if it's good to go.

Ideally, I'd like to get this out no later than 10 a.m.

If you have any questions, please let me know.
Insofar as the interview requests go...

Canadian Press
S.17(1) & 17(3)(e) at the Canadian Press sent: Looking to speak this morning with someone at the WFPS regarding recent fires in the city and trains as possible cause

Tom: are you or somebody else able to accommodate an interview request with S.17(1) & 17(3)(e)? If so, please let me know what time works best and I'll coordinate with the reporter.

CBC
S.17(1) & 17(3)(e) at CBC sent: Just putting a note in that we would like to speak with the acting fire chief today after the meeting with CN and the city regarding the fires along tracks. I am on assignment first thing this morning, and we have a reporter assigned to it later, I just wanted to get our request to speak with him early.

Tom: Can we touch base after the meeting with CN? I'd like to know what was discussed before making a call on granting an interview request versus written statement.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

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As an FYI - We received two interview requests so far. One from Canadian Press (playing catch up), and CBC wants an interview following CN meeting.

Also, as an FYI, Alex is advising media that he'll be updating them on all wildland fire incidents.

If we can keep issuing information electronically, it would be appreciated.

I'm going to draft a release for your review - should have it by 9:30 to you for your review.

Thanks,

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Sent from my iPhone

> On May 9, 2018, at 7:45 AM, Driedger, David <ddriedger@winnipeg.ca> wrote:
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Hi Tom,

Wondering if you have an update on any brush/grass fires that may have occurred yesterday or overnight? If we did respond, can you please provide details, and are we able to update the stats to date?

If possible, I’d like to put out another release today to share information. Also, given the forecasted strong winds today, would be good to get another reminder out advising folks not to burn.

Lastly, we’re bound to get inquiries about today’s meeting with CN (we just received one from CBC) - I’d like to expand on this response:

“Today, Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service officials met with CN to discuss issues surrounding Sunday’s events, and to determine possible measures that may be put in place to mitigate risk.”

...with whatever additional information you can provide following the meeting (whether next steps, satisfied that they have proper procedures, still looking into cause of the fires along Wilkes, etc.).

For my information, what time is that meeting scheduled to take place?

Depending on timing, Ihor has an interview scheduled at 1:30 with CBC to discuss how crews respond to wildfires, challenges, etc. We may need to rework a statement for his use in the event the topic of the meeting/trains comes up.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

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Good afternoon,

Crews attended to fires at 4 locations along the CN rail line running from Kenaston to the Perimeter along Sterling Lyon Pkwy./Wilkes Ave. The call came in initially for Shaftesbury where there was a grassfire that had consumed a number of trees, grass, a fence and some building materials. It quickly became apparent that there were fires along this rail line from Shaftesbury to Elmhurst and west of Liberty Road. Once the fire was under control on Shaftesbury, IC moved west to Liberty where there was significant fire extending north from the rail line through a field and into a small forest. Crews deployed several hand lines from apparatus on Wilkes across the CNR. Wildland crews and equipment were also deployed including portable water packs and blowers, rakes, and brooms along with the hand lines. These strategies were effective in containing the fire. Tanker 23 also deployed their two portable tanks which it filled 3 times to continue to supply two apparatus. CN ceased all rail activity to allow crews to safely operate in this area.

At the time of my departure at 1720h crews were extinguishing the last of the hotspots and the majority of crews had been returned to station.

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Good evening,

There are two concurrent incidents ongoing at this time:

Transcona Bioreserve-

Report of a wildland fire at the location of Koka St./CNR Pine Falls line. This is partly within the City of Winnipeg boundaries, and partly in the RM of Springfield. Crews currently in offensive mode. CNR notified to suspend rail operations during fire ops.

College Ave-

Mattress on fire on front porch, whole house now involved. Primary search indicates all occupants out of building. No extention into interior of building at this time. Crews in offensive mode.

Updates as available.

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